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US military and federal enforcement agencies embrace digital surveillance

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Articles in *The Wall Street Journal* and *Vice* reveal details into how the US military purchases personal data from intermediaries in the data industry to use for surveillance actions. *The Wall Street Journal* article focuses on the US Air Force Research Laboratory that is testing a commercial platform that can slurp up personal data from devices connected to the Internet of Things and crunch them into a database to help keep tabs on the populace.^[1]

The *Vice* story focuses on military purchases of data.^[2] It outlines the personal data supply chain; how such purchases are made; and what laws, if any, govern such purchases of personal data.

¹ Byron Tau, “Next Step in Government Data Tracking Is the Internet of Things,” *The Wall Street Journal*, November 27, 2020, <https://on.wsj.com/3moFdFp>.

² Joseph Cox, “How the U.S. Military Buys Location Data from Ordinary Apps,” *Vice*, November 16, 2020, <https://bit.ly/2Iq9N2O>.

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